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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Richard E. Caplan of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caplan was born in Chicago in 1927 and grew up in Irving Park; he graduated from Lane Tech College Prep High School and served in the United States Navy during World War II; following the war, he attended Western Illinois University and become a chemist; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caplan worked for Montgomery Ward where he earned 2 patents for chemical coatings; he later went to work for Dexter Midland Industrial Finishes in Waukegan as a salesman and quickly moved up, becoming Vice-President of Sales and Marketing; he retired in the early 1990s; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caplan, and his wife, Betsy, settled in North Carolina following his retirement to be close to his son and he began selling ladies shoes at a department store; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Caplan enjoyed spending time with his family and teaching his son, Michael, how to play baseball while he was growing up; he loved life, his morning donut, his friends, and family; and

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1           WHEREAS, Richard Caplan eventually returned to Chicago,  
2           and for 17 years, drove a school bus, fearlessly driving  
3           downtown when many other drivers would not; and

4           WHEREAS, Richard Caplan was preceded in death by his wife,  
5           Betsy; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
7           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8           Richard E. Caplan, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
9           family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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11          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12          presented to the family of Richard Caplan as an expression of  
13          our deepest sympathy.